

## **A Split Personality Taliban Terrorist** **Does The American TV Talk Show Circuit**

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A comedy sketch idea that springboards off the recent news story about the mid-level Taliban terrorist commander who turned himself in for the \$100 reward:

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As we watch his guest appearance on a popular TV talk show, certain unusual things about Mohammad Asham gradually become apparent.

It emerges from the conversation that Ashram made bail and is free to appear, capitalizing on his "15 Minutes of Fame". Furthermore, he is, in general, shamelessly appearing on any and every talk show he possibly can, irrespective of the show's theme. He admits to appearing on a TV show wherein he was taught to make mixed drinks, each drink named to bring an explosion to mind (e.g., The Kansas City Bomber, the Maui Mushroom Cloud, etc.). "So I take it you've already gone through the \$100 reward money?" Ashram becomes downcast. "Yes, I am sad to say so. But who minds, look where I am! You pay, I do okay! I get lots of money just talking on TV like this! I even know, someday, I will save up enough for an expensive car. I always think this, I think. Now I think, very expensive car!" "So what about that whole Taliban thing?" "Yeah, them. So I argued with myself, I argued with myself. All of a sudden, I had developed a new personality. Psychiatrists say I had a psychotic break. But I just call it Mosha, my secret personality. What is wrong with this?" "Uh, well, now wait, let me think a minute..." "Right! Nothing! So, Mosha argued and argued, until I knew he was a danger to us, but then, somehow, I do not know how, I, when I was Mosha, I called the police, because I wasn't paying attention, so Mosha sneaked past me. Wait, I am so sorry, I forget where I was." "And you're Mosha?" "Correct, I am a split personality. So, I turned myself in for the reward. They might make a spy movie, it's quite an amazing story. Mosha had to be extremely clever and resourceful, I have to admit, I mean, to fool me, yet I'm right there the whole time, because I'm him, you can see how hard it would be for him to distract me long enough to phone the police." "Kind of makes you wonder about yourself, doesn't it?" "I ponder that moment endlessly as I await my trial." "We're all looking forward to it. Our next guess is someone you all know, uh, you might say you know every inch of her. NOTHING hidden. She's a model...."